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DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS

**County of Los Angeles
Summary of Work on 2012 Permit Requirements
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By ordinance, the County of Los Angeles (County) prohibits all non-authorized non-stormwater discharges through its MS4 and the discharge of irrigation overspray. The County also conducts public outreach to its local drinking water customers on water conservation practices and programs.

In March and April 2013, the County, participated in two pilot studies in the Upper Rio Hondo and Upper San Gabriel River Watersheds to test notification procedures for those discharges that do not require Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) permits (those indirect discharges that eventually make their way into LACFCD facilities but first travel over MS4, such as streets). The County utilized an alias email address (discharge_notify@dpw.lacounty.gov) to receive the discharge notifications.

Over the course of the two pilot studies, pertinent dischargers and Permittees tested a process, based on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and related BMP Manual, which included a volume threshold for discharges, prior notice requirements for planned/unplanned discharges, and record-keeping practices consistent with the 2012 Permit. As a result of the two pilot studies, valuable lessons were learned with respect to logistics, discharge notification timeframes, and required information for discharge notifications. While consensus is still needed in some areas and further review is required, the County will continue discussion with the LACFCD and applicable dischargers on the MOU and associated BMP Manual.